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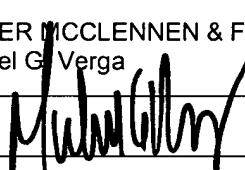
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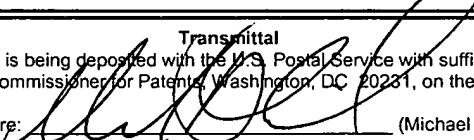
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In re Patent Application of:
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Application No.: 09/199,655

Group Art Unit: 1743

Filed: November 25, 1998

Examiner: P. Bex

For: MICROPLATE SAMPLE AND REAGENT
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LETTER TO THE EXAMINER

Examiner Bex
Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

Dear Examiner Bex:

This paper is being filed with a Petition to Revive an unintentionally abandoned application and request for continued examination (RCE) application. Also filed with this paper is a revocation of all previous powers of attorney and appointment of new practitioners, including the undersigned, to prosecute the captioned application on behalf of the assignee of record, Affymetrix, Inc.

Due to the complexities in the prosecution of the parent application, the undersigned requests that the examiner contact the undersigned prior to examining the RCE application to arrange a time at which a substantive interview on the merits can be conducted. The undersigned will then file a Preliminary Amendment for examination.

Dated: January 23, 2003

Respectfully submitted,

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